

## ASTERIAS TOREUMA.

\*\*\*\*\*

### CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Corpus* depressum, subtus sulcatum; crusta coriacea tentaculis muricata.

*Os* centrale quinquevalve.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* Gmel. p. 3160.

### CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ASTERIAS granulata, radiis quinque obtusis margine articulato-tuberculatis.

*Stella marina* Artocreas.

*Seb.* 3. t. 6. f. 5—10.

*Link.* t. 23. f. 37. t. 24. f. 39. t. 37. f. 45.

---

Asteriarum omnium quas adhuc novimus nulla videtur magis esse coelata et quasi artificis manu e ligno elaborata, quam illa quæ in tabula ostenditur. In maribus Indicis generatur, diversa magnitudine, diametro interdum unciali, interdum sexunciali. Color rubeo-pallet, subtus flavescens seu fere albicans.







## CARVED ASTERIAS.



### *GENERIC CHARACTER.*

*Body* depressed, coriaceous, roughened with small tentacula above.

*Mouth* beneath, central, quinquevalvular.

### *SPECIFIC CHARACTER.*

Granulated *ASTERIAS*, with five obtuse rays articulated with tubercles on the margin.

---

Of all the *Asteriæ* yet known, the present is one which has most the aspect of an elaborate artificial composition; appearing as if curiously carved on wood. It is a native of the Indian seas, and is found of various sizes, from an inch to six inches in diameter. Its colour is pale red, yellowish or whitish beneath.